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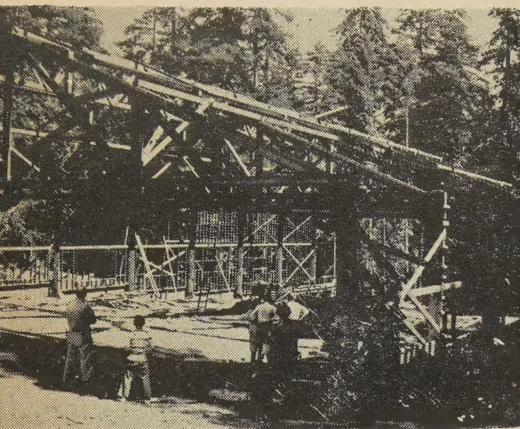


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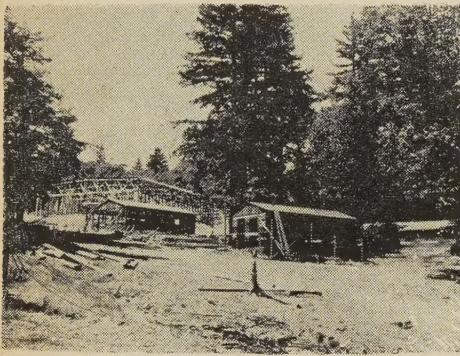
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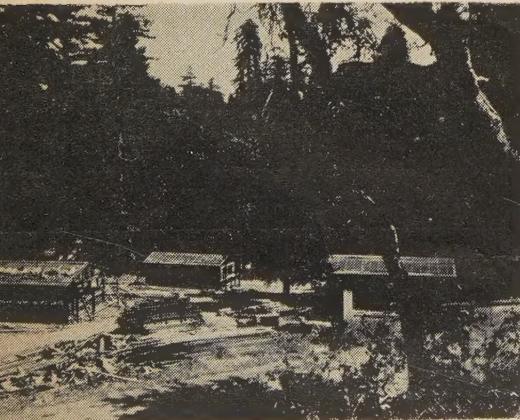


Above — Tabernacle under construction, as it appeared June 20. The roof is now being put on and work continues on the rest of the building.



Above — The large building in the background is the dining room. The building in the center is the new "Spot." To the right is the stove and bookroom.

Below — Another view of the tabernacle, showing the Spot and the store at the left. The office building is at the right.



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—Anonymous

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The world has been shaken in recent times to its very foundations. It is wondering what will come next. During the last few years there have been many changes: governmental, economical, industrial, social, financial, educational, moral and religious. The instability in different sections of the world, misunderstandings national and international, the clash of classes in all lands, overwrought nerves in a high-powered world - all these conditions remind us that we need a greater and higher help than ourselves.

Who has a remedy for the conditions of the world? Has anyone a remedy potential enough, dynamic enough, to sound the depths of human need? Unhesitatingly we answer there is a remedy, and that remedy was stated by the Apostle Paul.

Paul thought in world terms (Romans 1:1-17). He saw that the need of the world in his day was the gospel, the good news of Christ. The gospel is still the paramount need of the world.

We do not need to strain our eyes to see signs of impending crisis in our civilization. The seeds of decay are fast growing into a harvest of devastation. Dr. Frederic Lewis Donaldson diagnosed our times: "Policies without principle, wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, industry without morality, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice."

Only one thing will stop this coming chaos - a sweeping spiritual revival. We have the only hope of the world's salvation. What are we going to do about it? Philosophy, the apostle taught, had failed as a means of salvation to the Gentiles. The law had failed as a means of salvation for the Jew. In the Epistle to the Romans Paul establishes the doctrine that faith in Christ is the only ground of acceptance with God for mankind. We are told that this letter was sent by Phoebe. It was a treasure more precious than a ship of gold. She carried in her robe the whole future of Christian theology.

Paul longed to preach in Rome, the chief city of his time. He longed to witness for Christ where Virgil sang and where Cicero thrilled the multitudes with his eloquence, a metropolis where men put their trust in visible agencies of power, organization, pomp and majesty.

Paul was not ashamed to preach the gospel in the forum of imperial Rome. He knew that Cato, Caesar, or Anthony never had such a message as he longed to bring the Romans. He knew that their Christless civilization would lead to destruction, just as our Christless culture of today will lead to the same end.

THE GOSPEL FOR THIS HOUR

by Richard S. W. Ruff

Paul said he was proud of the gospel, for it was God's power to save anyone who believes. Paul was writing to men of the most powerful city of the civilized world. The very name of Rome was symbol of magnificence and power; political, military, intellectual pride; social standards were those of wealth and pleasure. Into this proud center, this Jew went, not with some new invention, some sparkling poem, or philosophy, or with great wealth like that of Croesus, or some new-found pleasure like that of Trojan. With a bugle blast he faced Rome and the world with, "*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth*" (Romans 1:16).

I reckon him a Christian, indeed, who is neither ashamed of the gospel nor a shame to it.

The gospel is adequate and abiding. The one thing in this world across which falls no shadow of decline or decay is the gospel of Christ. It is the endless gospel because it is founded upon the everlasting Christ. It is an everlasting gospel because it has an everlasting message. Paul's message is alive today. Where is Nero's? The Christian's hope is in God. Other foundations are shaken or gone, but the Word of God abideth forever. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!"

The story of the cross, the gospel, stands for freedom of the sinner and power in his new life. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. I believe it, yes, I believe it, and whosoever will believe will find a full salvation. Hallelujah to the Lamb! Praise the Lord, I know it's true; if you test it, so will you . . . The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, I believe it. — Do you? Other powers are impotent against it. Napoleon, like a destroying angel, swept over the eastern world. But he could see only one road to victory and that road led along rivers of tears and seas of blood. It was the road where the cries of widows and orphans made music to their marching hosts. But where is his kingdom now? Caesar's iron arm reached far and wide and deep. He engraved on the hearts of the people the policy, "Might makes right". But where is his kingdom today? Alexander cried for more worlds to conquer, But his kingdom perished with him long ago.

The Cross of Christ still stands, "Tow'rning o'er the wrecks of time."

Since the gospel is the only hope of the world, what are we going to do about it? In the face of Roman pride, intellect, religious intolerance, wicked practices of Nero to be rebuked, did it not mean something to Paul to say, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also"? Lord Nelson refused to put on a cloak to cover up the stars on his uniform, though they made him a mark for the sharpshooters. So let us refuse to hide our loyalty to Christ by the cloak of silence, even though by speaking we become the mark of ridicule. We are living in one of the most crucial periods of the human race. Lloyd George, speaking of world conditions some years ago, said: "The chariot of humanity has struck, and nothing will lift it out and keep it off the rocks except great preaching that goes to the mind and heart."

What a challenge to the followers of Christ to surrender themselves afresh and gird themselves anew for great endeavours! This is no time for hanging hands, lagging feet, and pulpit blues. It is a time for courage, confidence, and conquest. It is a time for heroic living and sacrificial giving. The great need and the great challenge of the hour is for consecration. Paul said he was ready. Are we?

Someone has said that unconsecrated service has been the curse of Christianity throughout all generations. It plunged the church into worldliness in the time of Constantine, into crime and bloodshed in the Dark Ages, and it curses the church of today. Think of an unconsecrated preacher in the pulpit, unconsecrated singers in the choir, unconsecrated men gathering the offering of the Lord, and unconsecrated deacons and Sunday School officers. May God help us to meet our obligation. May we say with Paul, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready". (Rom. 1:15).

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JUST TO BE TENDER

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through,
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle, kind and sweet,
Just to be helpful with willing feet,
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with song,
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right,
Just to believe that God knows best,
Just in His promise ever to rest,
Just to let love be our daily key,
That is God's will for you and me.

—Author Unknown

THE NINE GIFTS

By J. Narver Gortner

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

These nine gifts are the gifts that our Lord gave to the church at the beginning of the church age that God's saints might be properly equipped to carry on the work of the Lord during the church age.

"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." The word rendered "manifestation," is *phanerosis*, and it is found in only one other place in the Scriptures, in 2 Cor. 4:2. It means according to Dr. Josiah Strong, a "bestowment." The gifts of the Spirit are bestowments of the Spirit upon the church that the church may be equipped to render effective service in the name of the Lord. The word in Romans 8:19, where Paul speaks of "the manifestation of the sons of God," is a different word. There the word is *apokalupsis*, which is the word that is rendered "revelation" or "revelations" wherever these words are found in the New Testament.

The most of us when we speak of "manifestations" of the Spirit are speaking of the effects that are produced when the power comes upon people. Some shake, some laugh, some cry, some shout, some dance. There are many things that people do when the power comes upon them. One may be affected in one way, another in another way. As to how we are affected and as to what we do when the power comes upon us depends very largely upon our various temperaments. The fact that people are great dancers or great shouters or great shakers in the house of God may not in itself be evidence of deep piety. It may be that somebody less demonstrative is walking more humbly with God. I am not speaking against demonstrations. What I want you to see is that there is a difference between demonstrations and manifestations. Usually when we speak of manifestations we mean demonstrations. We do not use the word as we ought to use it; that is all.

"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." The meaning is that it is given for the profit of the entire body of Christ, or the profit of the whole assembly, the profit of all the saints; not for the profit of the person to whom it has been given merely but rather for mutual profit. If God has given to you any gift of the Spirit, any manifestation of the Spirit, He has given it for the specific purpose of making you a blessing to others, and the gift should be appreciated and thus used; never for self-exultation or self-aggrandizement but always for the good

of others, the good of the body of Christ.

The first two mentioned are "the word of wisdom" and the "word of knowledge." These may be fittingly considered together. The former has reference, I think, primarily and particularly, to the ability to open to the understanding the mysteries of the Word of God, and the latter to the ability to impart unto the saints a clear comprehension of what is meant by "the knowledge of God," or "the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." In the chapter that follows, the Apostle links these two gifts together and says, "Though I . . . understand all mysteries, and knowledge . . . and have not love, I am nothing." Thus it appears that he makes "the word of wisdom" to consist in understanding mysteries. A mystery may be defined as a previously hidden truth, now divinely revealed, but in which there is still a supernatural element which remains despite the revelation which has been made. We read of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, of the mystery of Israel's blindness during this present age, of the mystery of the church composed of Jew and Gentile, of the mystery of the translation of the saints at the end of this church age, of the mystery of the church as the bride of Christ, of the mystery of iniquity, and of other mysteries that might be mentioned. The "word of wisdom" seems to consist, not only in a clear comprehension of these mysteries, but in ability to convey that comprehension to others, for it is *the word of wisdom* that is spoken of as a gift or manifestation of the Spirit.

That people need to be built up in the knowledge of God there can be no question. It is important that the saints have knowledge imparted unto them, knowledge concerning the Word in which God has revealed Himself. It therefore appears to me that "the word of knowledge" is one of the important gifts, and one that should be coveted, or earnestly desired. It seems to me to be more important than the gift of tongues. Oh, that I might possess knowledge of God's Word and of God's will and that I might have the ability to impart that knowledge unto others!

The next gift here made mention of is faith. Certainly the reference is not to what we call saving faith, although that, too, is a gift of God (Eph.2:8). But the *gift of faith* here made mention of is evidently something quite different from that. In this respect it is like all the other gifts which are divided among the saints in harmony with His own sov-

ereign will. In what then does this gift consist? Paul says in the next chapter, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing." By the gift of faith, then, is evidently meant what we speak of as mountain-moving faith. Certainly not all the saints have this. I think George Mueller had this faith, this wonderful gift of God. That was why he was able to get the millions that he needed for the orphanages that God led him to open. And that was why he was able to ask God, when he was enroute to America on a big ocean liner, to dissipate the fog in order that he might fill an engagement on this side of the Atlantic on schedule time, and the fog was dissipated inside of five minutes. George Mueller told the captain, in whose presence he had prayed that the fog might be removed, to open the door and look out. "The fog" he said, "is gone! Look out and see if what I tell you is not the truth!" The captain opened the door and looked out, and, lo, there was no fog. It had gone in response to the faith of Mueller. His was evidently the gift of faith.

Next are mentioned "the gifts of healing," or healings, for the word rendered "healing," as well as the word rendered "gifts," is plural. Nobody, so far as I know, has ever had the *gift of healing*. There is no such gift, or God has never entrusted it to anybody. But there have been those who have had the *gifts of healings*. It would seem that for each healing a separate gift is necessary. Even Christ did not heal all the sick. When He visited the pool of Bethesda, having five porches, He found there "a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water." He healed only one. Many mighty works were wrought through the ministry of the Apostle Paul, but he did not heal all the sick he came into contact with (2 Tim. 4:20). This probably accounts for the fact that when many sick people are prayed for by somebody whom God is seeing fit to use in a large measure in the healing of the sick, some are healed and some are not healed.

Next the Apostle mentions "the working of miracles." A healing is not necessarily a miracle, although it may be a miracle. The healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple was not only a healing; it was a miracle. It is a mistake to say that every healing is a miracle. A healing may be gradual. There may be in it a supernatural element, but no evidence of miraculous working. A miracle in the Scriptural meaning of the word is something that excites wonder. Suppose I should speak to a rock and the water should

flow out abundantly, or suppose I should call down fire from heaven, as Elijah did; in these cases it could be said that a miracle had been performed. Evidently there is need that we pray that this gift of the early church be revived among us.

Next in order among the gifts is prophecy. This, I understand, in the New Testament sense of the word, is not foretelling, but forthtelling. It is one of the most important, if not the most important of the gifts. The Apostle devotes the greater part of the fourteenth chapter to the consideration of this gift, comparing it with the other gifts, especially, with the gift of tongues, showing that it is superior to the gift of tongues which was greatly in evidence in the Corinthian Church, unless indeed the exercise of the gift of tongues be accompanied by the interpretation of the tongues. Paul said, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied" (1 Cor. 14:23-25).

Then, in order of the gifts, is the "discerning of spirits." Evidently Peter had this gift and exercised it on at least one occasion, the occasion when Ananias and Sapphira tried to deceive the church, but were not able to deceive Peter. It was not the gift of discernment that Peter exercised when he said to Simon, the sorcerer, "I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity," for there is no indication that Peter knew that Simon was not a genuine disciple until after Simon had tried to purchase the gift of God with money. Many think they have the gift of discernment, and what they have is the gift of judging—and that is not one of the gifts of God. Those who have the gift of discernment are not going around telling people that they have it, and saying that this one is not right and that one is all wrong. For our own protection, and for the protection of the church, this gift should be in evidence.

The last two gifts here made mention of, like the first two, seem to be linked together: "divers kinds of tongues," and "the interpretation of tongues." It was not the gift of tongues that the disciples received on the day of Pentecost when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. What they received was the evidence that they had been filled. This, Cornelius and his household received when the Spirit fell upon them as upon the apostles at the beginning. It was not the gift of tongues which they received, but the evidence that they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. The

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CHRISTIAN BUILDING

by N. E. Hinman

Jude 20-21.

In this text Jude turns from the painful picture of the judgment of the wicked to address the saints with one of the sweetest and loftiest messages in all of the volume of inspiration. Note first the title he gives the saints. He calls them *Beloved*. Of course you know this word is used only when addressing those for whom the greatest affection is held. This indicates Jude's attitude toward his fellow Christians. He held them high in his affections. This is the mark for true discipleship. This is an identification badge no hypocrite can wear.

In speaking of true discipleship, Jesus said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one to another." Again, "It is written that we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." Thus we have, in our love for our fellow members of the body of Christ, a twofold witness to our experience and Christian status. First, by this we have passed from death unto life. This is the personal witness in our own hearts. Second, by our love to the brethren, all men shall know that we are the disciples of Christ. This is the witness the world gets from us.

Friend, can you, with Jude, truthfully call the members of the body of Christ, *Beloved*? Are they beloved to you? Are they high in your esteem and in your affections? Remember that if you love not your brother whom you have seen it is impossible to love God whom you have not seen. This is the Word of God according to the Apostle John in his first Epistle.

Having thus addressed his fellow Christians, Jude proceeds with an exhortation to build up themselves in their most holy faith. Here is a hint that there is more to the Christian life than the initial experience of conversion. Having accepted the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour, we are to proceed to build up ourselves. It is obvious that Jude fears his fellow Christians might neglect this phase of their Christian duty. He seems to see a possibility that the influence of false disciples may discourage this phase of Christian experience. Thus he exhorts them in tenderest tones saying, "Beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith . . . keep yourselves in the love of God."

Peter, in his second letter to the church (1:5-8) makes this quite clear: "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness

brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus we see what is meant by building up ourselves. It is not a physical culture, but a building of our moral and spiritual selves. Changing our unreliable natures for the virtues of Christ, and crowning our worldly secular knowledge with the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; trading our intemperance for the temperance of Christ, our impatience for His patience, our ungodliness, our selfishness for His brotherly kindness. Peter opens his comment on the building up of one's self by stating that to accomplish this, one will need to give all diligence to success. In other words, this is not work for a slothful man. This building of Christian character is work that will be accomplished only by the diligent. Never be deluded into thinking you will without effort on your part automatically become a mature, well developed Christian. This is a personal responsibility.

One more thought. The foundation on which we are to build is our most holy faith. Elsewhere we are reminded that Jesus Himself is the only foundation, But that in no way violates what Jude writes. Jude's is the same statement, for Jesus is not only the object of all true faith but He is the author of all true faith. Jude and Peter say the same things about the building program. Peter starts his building program with faith, saying, "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge," and so on. Jude speaks in this fashion, "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith."

Horace Mann once remarked: "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the Apostles, but a good deal about the Acts of the Apostles." —Selected.

If you want to be disturbed,
Look within;
If you want to be defeated,
Look back.
If you want to be distracted,
Look around.
If you want to be dismayed,
Look before.
If you want to be delivered,
Look to Christ
If you want to be delighted,
Look up.

—Exchange.

MISSIONS

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The good work of Sister Alberta Daniels and her daughter, Elaine, continues in Ica and in nearby communities. Of their work she writes, in part. "Ica: One of the first converts of this work has entirely left his secular work and has launched out into full-time work for the Lord—our first missionary from Ica! *Los Molinos*: A few have accepted the Lord. *La Venta*. A Christian family living here have opened their home for the preaching of the gospel . . . Last week there was more interest than usual. Several have bought their Bibles and want to follow the Lord. Chincha: We had meetings every night for two weeks with the house filled at every service. To date 49 Bibles have been sold and over 100 Testaments, besides many Gospels and other booklets. This promises to be a good work. *Literature work*: This is what thrills us the most. The people are so happy to receive something to read . . . When we were in Chincha getting the hall fixed up we happened to pass a young man sweeping the streets. Since we didn't have a stamp for our literature, we were not giving any out, but gave this man a tract stamped with the Ica address. He took it to an invalid cousin, who is a Protestant. She had been converted through personal workers of the Pentecostal church in Lima some years ago, but was unable to attend any services. She told him that this is the true religion . . . He left his former religion. Now he attends services faithfully with his wife and both have given their lives to God."

BRAZIL

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson and family are again settled in Varginha, Minas, Brazil. They write: "We arrived in Rio de Janeiro on March 9, and we had to stay until the 25th to get our things out of custom. All of our things did not come on the same boat with us, so Brother Johnson had to return this month (May) for two weeks more. We had to pay so much duty . . . nearly \$1500. You can enter with hardly anything. But though we had to pay all that money, we certainly are happy and praise the Lord for the things we were able to bring . . . We thank the Lord for the churches we visited and that they opened up their hearts for us and helped us. When we think of the Christians at home and their goodness, a lump comes up in our throats, and all we can do is to pray God's richest blessing over each and every one.

"We are glad to let you know that

God is moving in a glorious way out here. There is a spirit of revival. Sinners are getting saved, believers baptized in the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies are healed: it reminds us of the early days of Pentecost . . .

"We are so thankful for our jeep station wagon and our public address system. They draw the crowds. Our church here is packed, and so many are coming to Christ every night . . . We look forward for each meeting, because we do not know what is going to happen next."

"The family that sailed with us, Brother and Sister Griggs, are doing fine. He has to take a trip home again this month on business. He will be home only a month. Pray for them."

EL SALVADOR

From Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall comes an account of their home on the mission field in Central America.

"We are at last settled in our own house. Inside the building we have a front and a back patio, each about 20 by 25 feet, as well as a *solar* or lot connected at the side, about 40 by 100 feet. The only entrance is the front door; so our wood, chickens and cow—if we get one—have to come in that way. The whole thing is surrounded by a 12-foot wall. Our castle! It is in fact, even though we live in town with 80,000 other people.

"I taught my first Sunday school last Sunday and also spoke in the evening service at the *confraternidad* (fellowship meeting) about fifteen minutes or so. The people seemed to understand something of what I was trying to say."

MEXICO

Brother and Sister R. E. Henke are getting settled in Mexico City where they are taking further study of the language as well as doing what they can in evangelistic work. He writes: "This finds us in our third week in Mexico . . . After a bit of bewilderment and confusion, we are now quite comfortably settled in a small apartment . . . Almost as soon as we arrived . . . we enrolled in Spanish classes in the University. Our activities in the churches have not really begun yet inasmuch as our time thus far has been taken with apartment hunting, moving twice, schooling, getting accustomed to the high altitude (7500 feet), stores, buses, and customs . . .

"Upon our arrival here, we discussed the question as to how soon we would meet a national from California. Well, it was about the next day that we were asking directions at a barber shop, when suddenly the barber called out a 'Hello,

there' and gave us a very warm greeting. We didn't recognize him, but he told us that he had met us at Merced. A couple of days ago I was walking along downtown on a crowded street when someone grabbed my arm and held on to it excitedly saying something in Spanish. For a moment I paid no attention, and just walked on, for I thought this was just another over-zealous vendor. But the man hung on and then said in broken English, 'Brother, don't you know me?' This stopped me. Sure enough, here was another national, one we had met at Woodland several times.

"How many more nationals we will meet accidentally we do not know. But we do know that we have many addresses of others who also reside in the city. We intend to meet these on purpose and get them established in the Lord and invite them to some of the Assembly of God churches here. After our term of study in the city, we want to get out to other towns and into villages to look up some more of these men. Who knows but what they will form a nucleus for a church. With the hunger for God that is in Mexico, it does not take much to get a group together. But it does take somebody who will work for God."

HAWAII

From Paia, Maui, Sister Thelma Simpkins, who was accompanied on her visit home by Sister Nellie Ongias, sends greetings and words of appreciation to her friends in the homeland. "Since leaving California last October, we have been very busy . . . We cannot forget the kindness shown to us while home visiting the assemblies. The Women's Missionary Councils were so kind to us. As we look at the lovely things made by loving hands, we hope by this to let you know how much they are appreciated. The Christ's Ambassadors, also, who attended our services and showed such interest in attention and giving and in consecrating themselves to the Lord for service anywhere, will not be forgotten.

"The dear Lord led us back to our former field in Paia. This is the place we told you considerable about . . . Sister Nellie is teaching children in the Sunday school and religious education classes on Wednesday afternoon. I have a new class of young people interested in serious Bible study, and I am teaching them the first year reading course recommended by the General Council for those considering entering the ministry.

"We have a gospel radio broadcast every Sunday over our Maui radio station, and we take part in this. This program is sponsored by our church and is called the *Gospel Train*. We have had

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POWER TO EVANGELIZE

by the Superintendent

Some forty days after His passion and just before He "ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things," our blessed Lord outlined a program for His followers that has never been abrogated. The plan comprehended two prime essentials. First, these disciples were told to tarry—until they were endued with power from on high. And then, having received the promised power, they were to "go into all the world and preach the gospel."

I think we should linger a moment over the historic and prophetic fifty days that intervened between the cross and the full-orbed revelation of our glorified Lord at Pentecost. It was during this period that our blessed Jesus was raised from the dead "by the glory of the Father," after which "He showed Himself alive with many infallible proofs." How thrilling to read the story of how He showed them His hands and His side, or to listen in, as it were, to those immortal post-Calvary words, so personal and understanding, that showed even to His erring friends His eternal devotion from the glory side of the borrowed tomb.

Sorrowing witnesses of our Lord's death became the jubilant witnesses of His resurrection, and then "not many days hence" the promised power descended. It was wonderful, awe-inspiring, overwhelming. The little church was set afame—literally baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

The horizon of those early believers was pushed outward from Jerusalem and Palestine toward the uttermost part. Having received the promised power, they proceeded at once to the appointed task. Opposition and bitter conflict served only to provide the dark background for the picture of a radiant, Spirit-impassioned church. In spite of the hurdles of traditional Jewish isolationism and sordid totalitarian paganism, the infant church—the church at her purest and best—still provides our greatest example and challenge to militant evangelism.

Subsequent church history is pathetic in spots. All too often she has lost that

passion for souls and that peculiar power to witness and preach that was and ever shall be her distinctive glory. The tragic truth is that at sundry times and in divers places original Pentecostal grace and glory has been scarcely discernible. These lapses of the church have been followed by revival seasons, when a new quickening and a new effusion of the Holy Spirit would send the revived and re-animated church on her appointed mission.

Sometimes a new emphasis of some essential truth long neglected, or buried under the derbis of lifeless form and ritual, has brought about an amazing revival. For instance, the courageous preaching of the good news of justification by faith apart from human merit revived dead churches throughout Germany early in the 16th century. The awakening message spread rapidly to other parts of the world, bringing joyful assurance and a passionate desire to share with others the saving truth. Any reference to this era should acknowledge the great contribution made by those heroes of the faith, who were the vanguard of the resurgent forces that lay dormant in the sleeping adherents, of all they knew of the Christian faith. Martin Luther and many others of immortal fame earned their places in the galaxy of honored leaders in the church universal. But I repeat the substance of what I have already implied, the great reformation was not accomplished by the exploits of the few, but by an awakened, rejuvenated church, moving together as an army with banners.

Space will permit only brief mention of other and later revival periods that have more closely approximated the early church picture, a fuller and more dynamic presentation of the gospel. The presence of the ever-blessed Spirit, searching and probing the heart, methods that encouraged wholehearted repentance and deep-down surrender, together with protracted seasons of prayer resulted in revivals that rocked whole communities. These periods were called revival seasons and were characterized by great joy, fervency of spirit, and zeal



SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

July 5 - Fruitland, Oakland (Revival Tabernacle) Quincy
12 - Fort Bragg, Montague, Monterey (Oak Grove)
19 - Healdsburg, Madera, Reno
26 - Paradise
Aug. 16 - Calistoga, Point Arena
23 - Chowchilla, Santa Cruz

to make Christ known.

Our world is again in darkness and confusion. Its spiritual leadership has been weak and uncertain. Perhaps none of my readers will doubt that the "falling away"—the great apostasy of the last days—is upon the professed Christian world in our day. The departure from the old standards and the introduction of a new gospel has given the church that new look that is not becoming to her. God has always had His remnant, however—a few who "sigh and cry"—who "stand in the ways and ask for the old paths." And, blessed be God, He has again visited His people.

If I were penning these lines for readers unacquainted with the great salient facts of the Latter-Rain outpouring, I would, of course, be more specific and detailed concerning the Pentecostal experience and testimony in this "the time of the end." Suffice to say here that the standards for which we labor and pray are not those of the 16th or 18th century, but rather the pattern of the church in Bible days. Millions of imploring hands have been lifted to God for a fresh confirmation of His word, and millions throughout the world have witnessed the supernatural—"signs and wonders and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will."

In bringing this little treatise to a close, I am especially concerned that our Christ-centered Pentecostal movement shall forever cherish the ideals of spiritual life and liberty into which we were inducted by the Spirit, and which is possible only where the Spirit of the

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THOMAS J. CUSTOCK
President and C. A. Editor
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Christ's

SACRAMENTO—Bethel C.A.'s contributed \$100 towards C.A. camp development project.

DELHI—The local C.A.'s have sponsored this years D.V.B.S.

OAKLAND (Grace Church)—The young people have pledged a half hour a week to witness for Christ. It's paying off for their C.A. room is crowded out and must now hold C.A. services in main auditorium.

WOODLAND—The C.A.'s are putting to good use their newly purchased bus by conducting services in small neighboring communities.

CAPAY—Bell Morley, Tony Gonzales, Frank Mapes, Barbara McBride, Loretta Young, Duncan Morley, Hazel Thompson, Ann Zeigler, and Cora Flessing, all C. A.'s of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, held a successful revival at Capay with three young people receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

NEWARK—The C.A.'s purchased a Speed-the-Light bike — Tom Custock spoke at the dedication service.

NORTH BAY SECTION—Harry York is newly elected sectional chairman. The banner contest is to be resumed in their monthly rallies.

BERKELEY—The C.A.'s happily witness for Christ in their own street meetings each Sunday evening preceding the evangelistic service.

REDWOOD DISTRICT—Under the leadership of their sectional chairman, Elmer Andrews, a banner contest is slated for each rally to create interest, attendance, and enthusiasm.

HOLLISTER—At a recent rally with Chas. Coffey, sectional chairman, presiding, an offering of \$250 was raised for C. A. camp development project.

SANTA CRUZ—\$60 was given to C. A. camp project; more has been promised!

VALLEJO (Full Gospel)—The young people enjoyed a successful bonfire sing-along and weiner-roast at Blue Rock Springs Park.

MORGAN HILL—\$50.00 has been contributed to the C. A. camp development project.

YUBA CITY—Alfred Nelson is now local C.A. president.

SACRAMENTO—The Capitol Section C. A. picnic at William Land Park, Sacramento, on Memorial Day was a great success. The all-day affair was climaxed with a sectional rally that evening with John Wright in charge. Dean Pickthorn of G.T.B.I. brought a stirring message to all C.A.'s.

SAN JOSE—The Peninsula section rally under the direction of Paul Belchar was well attended at Montgomery Theatre. Tom Custock brought a thought provoking message.

OAKLAND (Calvary)—A steady increase in attendance and interest in C.A. services has been enjoyed since last National C.A. Day on March 7.

FLASH

From Ruth Pinkston, C. A. president of Berkeley, comes this unique idea for a C.A. Service. They have called it, "A Sermon in a Nutshell." To each person a hollow nut is given in which has been written on a slip of paper their part of the service. On these slips of paper may be written song leader, prayer, testimonies, several for special numbers and several for sermonettes. It is an excellent way to get your timid young people to take an active part in the service.

FLASH

The young people of Grace Church Oakland under the leadership of Laura Gilbert, C.A. president, sponsored a Speed-the-Light banquet which was held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley June 19. Tom Custock, District C.A. president, was guest speaker of the evening. Mary Hallock of San Francisco was the soloist. Wayne Conklin provided music on the Hawaiian guitar, and Norman Sandberg took his place at the keyboard. Other special music was provided from the various churches which attended. Rev. and Mrs. Eskelin, pastors of Hayward and sectional chairman of the East Bay, were special guests. Young people from Grace Church, Bethel Church of Hayward, Calvary Temple, Bethel Tabernacle and the Philadelphia Swedish Church were in attendance. A unique missionary skit by four girls of Grace Church was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Christ Ambassadors:

It is with great joy we present the District C. A. summer and fall program, which we believe under God will be a blessing to hundreds of our young people.

July 19 - 24 — C.A. Youth Camp at Camp Forward—39 miles east of Red Bluff. This camp is for the convenience and benefit of our northern area C.A.'s.

August 3 - 14 — Camp Meeting—The Ruffs, well known evangelists, will speak nightly at Vesper Circle during camp. Their ministry will bless you!

August 14 - 15 — C.A. convention at Bethany Park. Ralph Harris, former National C.A. Secretary will be principal speaker.

August 16 - 21 — Bethany Park Youth Camp—a well-planned, streamlined, youth program is slated for glorious days that will thrill you! Camp evangelists are Eddie and Ruthie Washington. The finest teaching staff has been obtained, with William Pickthorn, popular dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute; E. Elsworth Krogstad, convention speaker and pastor of First Church, Oakland; and Willard Peirce, nationally known Bible teacher and faculty member of G.T.B.I.

We promise you a time of spiritual refreshing, finest Christian fellowship, excellent food and lots of it! And a wide-awake recreational program. This year the price has been cut to the bone—only \$14.95 plus \$1.00 registration fee.

It would be profitable to the local church if all C.A.'s could avail themselves of the opportunity to attend this year's youth camp.

Here's An Idea !!! Why not promote as a C. A. project, a drive or contest to increase Sunday School attendance, C.A. membership, etc., with the winner receiving a free trip to youth camp?

Month of October — Special Speed-the-Light rallies are planned throughout the District with the Missionaires, a popular male quartet from

C. A. CONVENTION - BETHANY PARK SANTA CRUZ

ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THIS YEAR !

Two Camps are provided for your convenience—Attend the one nearest you.

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AUGUST 16-21 — \$14.95 plus \$1.00 registration fee

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● **CAMP FORWARD -- Near Red Bluff -- In the Mt. Lassen Playland Area**

JULY 19-24 — \$14.95 Plus \$1.00 registration fee

- Send \$1.00 Registration to JACK WIEN, P. O. Box 311, Burney, Calif.

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the East, traveling in the interest of Speed-the-Light.

November 12-13-14 — Annual C.A. convention in Oakland—Chas. Blair, one of America's finest youth speakers, will be on deck.

May we urge you to take advantage of all these special youth meetings. Put a ring around each calendar date and plan to be with us!

Yours in Christ

Thomas J. Custock

NARROWING

Is religion narrowing? Well, so is the gun-barrel that keeps a projectile in the rifling; so are railway tracks that keep the express from going into the ditch; so is the steering-wheel that holds the car in the middle of the road; but they save from wreck and mean achievement.

—The War Cry



Above — Brother and Sister Richard Ruff, speakers at the daily C. A. gatherings during the camp meeting in August.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The following Christ's Ambassador groups have supported C. A. work in the District by contributing an offering for the month of May. Happily we turn the spotlight in their direction and pray that God shall richly reward them for faithfulness in supporting the District office.

Alameda	Oakland
Atwater	(First Church)
Auburn	Oroville
Berkeley	Richmond
Boyes Springs	Riverbank
Burlingame	Roseville
Campbell	Rohnerville
Chico	Sacramento
Concord	(Bethel Temple)
Corning	Santa Rosa
Escalon	San Francisco
Gridley	(Glad Tidings)
Highway City	St. Helena
Hollister	Stockton (Calvary)
Las Vegas, Nevada	Tracy
Lodi	Ukiah
Merced	Vallejo
Modesto (Bethel)	(Full Gospel)
Monte Vista	Walnut Creek
Napa	Woodland

The purpose of this feature is to promote faithfulness in systematic monthly giving; so if the name of your group does not appear in this month's column, make sure it will be there next time by mailing your offering to Richard Fulmer, secretary-treasurer. It is a pleasure to publish the names of all C.A. groups who faithfully support our C. A. work. But more important than that is the fact that God abundantly blesses those who do their part.

AUGUST 14-15 - RALPH HARRIS.. YOUTH SPEAKER

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING ?

by Paul Miller

Solomon said, "A wise man is strong: yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength."

The highest form of knowledge is that which expresses itself in doing. It is said that knowledge is power, but actually, it is the *employment* of knowledge that is power. All of our study, knowledge, and wisdom should be employed in teaching others. Especially is this true of a knowledge of the Word of God.

It goes without saying, that every Sunday school teacher *must* know Christ. He must have had a personal experience with Christ, must know Him personally. How can we properly introduce another to one with whom we are not actually acquainted?

Not only must the Sunday school teacher know Christ personally, he must know Him intimately. If He is worth knowing at all He is worth knowing well. There must be an intimate fellowship, an intimate companionship with Christ. No teacher will ever be able to lead any pupil nearer to Christ than he has gone.

While the above-mentioned standards are almost universally accepted there are other things the teacher should know which may not have been given proper emphasis. Let us examine four of them;

1. *Every teacher should know how to handle the Word of God.* One writer said, "The Bible is the only source of all Christian truth, the only rule for the Christian life, the only book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity." What you say might impress your pupils, might entertain them; but any change of convictions, of character, or of life will be wrought by the power of the Word of God.

Memorization of the Scriptures is important. The teacher however needs to proceed beyond memorization.

There must be a practical application of the Word of God to human needs. The Word of God not only contains but IS the remedy for every human ill, whether physical, moral or spiritual.

Be able to meet with a "Thus saith the Lord" every problem of your pupils.

Do not spend a great deal of time in "proving" the Bible. Let the Scriptures

speak for themselves. The Bible has the position it holds today because it is the Word of God. It has not attained that position because God sent someone with a bag of scientific tricks to prove its authority.

Every teacher should know the great doctrines of the Bible. Know how to find the passages of Scriptures that deal with those doctrines. We should have a "working knowledge" of the Bible. Someone has said that we should know the places, persons, dates, doings, difficulties, doctrines and duties of any Scripture lesson.

We should not only know what we believe and why, but should be able to prove it scripturally.

2. *Every teacher should know how to handle the helps.* Study the use of visual aids in the teaching field. Learn how to illustrate the lesson with a few simple chalk drawings. Do not worry if they are not artistically perfect. With children, especially, make your drawings, however crude, and their imaginations will fill in the details.

Every Bible school teacher should own and study a good Bible atlas. Familiarize yourself with Bible lands and customs.

3. *Every teacher should know how to handle the pupils.* Make a real study of the character and personality of each pupil. Learn their likes and dislikes. Share their problems, their ambitions, their joys and their sorrows. Franklin Farmer said it thus:

"Would you a scholar attempt to teach?
Study his habits, nature, speech;
Make him tell you all you can;
From this knowledge form your plan.
Begin with that which he does know;
Tell him little and tell that slow.
Use words that he will understand and
feel;

Review, call back, draw out at will
Consult his tastes, help him climb,
Keep him working all the time;
Be firm, be gentle, love is strong;
Look to Jesus, you'll not go wrong.

4. *Every teacher should know how to handle himself.* While personality and character are not the greatest needs of a teacher they are, nevertheless, definite needs.

Develop a winsome personality. That word is *win-some*. If we have a *win-some* personality we will *win some*. A great many people have had the false idea that their personalities are a fixed property, as the color of their eyes or the shapes of their noses. This is far from the truth. One can develop a pleasing personality and a pleasant disposition.

The tone of voice which a teacher employs can mean success or failure for that teacher. Learn how to make your voice pleasing, persuasive, authoritative, etc., as the need arises. Remember too, that every teacher is an example. We should see to it that ours is a good one. Most pupils take the attitude of the poet:

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day:
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely
show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than
the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always
clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the ones
who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody
needs.
I can soon learn to do it if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hand in action, but your tongue
too fast may run;
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and
true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what to do.
For I may misunderstand you and the good advice
you give,
But there's NO misunderstanding how you act and
how you live!

—Anon.

CAMP MEETING DAYS

TRAINING FOR SERVICE:

Another Training For Christian Service class will be held this year at camp meeting. We will use the book *A Successful Sunday School*, by Ralph Riggs, for our textbook. These class sessions will be held each weekday morning, with the exception of Saturday, from 10:00 to 11:00. Everyone is invited to attend these sessions, regardless of whether you are an officer or teacher in the Sunday school or not.

JUNIOR CHURCH:

Junior church services will be held every afternoon. The boys and girls are going to have a grand time this year at camp. Something special will be coming up for every one of them. Sister Suter will be in charge of the junior church and special features will be given every day. Special speakers will be speaking each afternoon. We'll see you boys and girls at camp.

ANOTHER DAY

I've left so much undone today
Of things I'd planned and meant to say,
But time has fled so fast away,
Dear Lord, give me another day.
Another day in which to say
Kind words to those who pass my way,
A cheery smile and laughter gay
To lighten someone's load, I pray.

—Marguerite Enney

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

THE PARTITION OF THE LAND

Few students of prophecy have sensed the tremendous significance of the partition of Palestine by the United Nations. God gave Palestine to the Jews way back in the days of Abraham—and the Gentile nations have no right to partition it. "If Palestine is ultimately partitioned," says Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg (*Bibliotheca Sacra*), "we make bold to say that this move will be of vaster prophetic significance than World War II. Joel foretold a division of the land as one of the reasons for God's judgment on the nations. 'For behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat; and I will execute judgment upon them for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have parted my land, (Joel 3:1-2).

"In whatever manner Palestine has been partitioned in the past, it has never been accomplished through the action of the nations of the world as is now proposed."

In Dr. Leeser's Old Testament translation (the Jewish translation of the Old Testament into English) the Joel passage reads, "And I will hold judgment with them there (the nations, assembled in the valley of Jehosaphat) because of my people and my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and for my land (which) they have divided out." Armageddon, the final judgment of God upon the Gentile nations, may not be far off!

—*Christian Victory*

MIAMI BEACH HOTELS GET BIBLES

The largest number of Bibles ever dedicated at a single service were dedicated by the Gideons International at a special service held in Miami Beach, Florida, in April. After many years of resistance, Miami Beach hotels finally gave their consent to have the Gideons place Bibles in their 23,000-odd rooms. The Society brought to Miami Beach from the publishers in Philadelphia 23 tons of Bibles for dedication service.

TEEN-AGERS' GANG

Recently Kansas City police rounded up a gang of teen-agers who had kept motorists in a state of nerves for two months by:

1. Driving slowly along downtown streets knocking windows out of parked

cars with hammers.

2. Stealing machines and using them for "automobile jousts." Jousts were fought at school grounds by youths who drove two stolen cars at each other with the hand throttles open, leaped out seconds before the machines collided.

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In March of this year a young girl, 17, killed her mother. She later confessed, "Mother refused to let me go to St. Louis, so I shot her." The next morning she drove to her father's store in Eminence, Missouri where he had been spending nights because of a series of robberies, and shot him while he slept. Then she drove to St. Louis, and just "shopped around."

WARNS OF HUGE DEPRESSION

"The United States is headed for the biggest depression ever," Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange, said recently in Los Angeles.

"We are piling up a new abnormal food surplus and as soon as we stop furnishing tremendous credits to Europe, we will have another collapse of our economy," Goss told an insurance group.

"Instead of a depression of the scope of 1929 and thereafter, we will have one so tremendous that it could possibly plunge the world into one of its darkest periods. Communism could flood over the world at that time," the farmer spokesman said.

His suggested antidote for the gloomy forecast: Put Europe back on its feet industrially as well as agriculturally; establish stable prices on the world market.

The Christians are looking forward to a real hope beyond any gloomy forecast which will appear. "When ye see these BEGIN to come to pass, then look up and rejoice for your redemption draweth nigh."

TEEN-AGE DRINKING

An 18-year-old boy states his opinion of teen-agers at the bar: "My first wallet flattening encounters with the night clubs and cafes of various cities gave me the impression of being immediately on the road to habitual drinking. Just what happens to an innocent boy like myself upon entering a night club with the intention of eating in style? Well, instead of a rather expected escort out the back door, I am led straight from the front door to the bar. There I am helplessly encouraged into tucking a few drinks under an enticing waitress' belt beside keeping my own glass full of

dizzy juice. If teen-agers are continually going to be admitted to bars too many are going to turn to drinking as a new form of diversion."

PEACE IS EXPENSIVE, TOO

The total budget amount set aside for the support of the armed services during the next fiscal year is \$11,000,000,000.

To this, congress has added \$4,200,000,000 for a 70 group air force and other new defense items.

If the draft bill is passed—and there is every indication it may—the army department has estimated its minimum cost will be \$2,000,000,000. This makes the likely total for the year at least \$17,000,000,000.

What will be the influence on the domestic economy of this greatly increased government spending and the need for additional steel and a variety of other materials?

A part of the same picture is the \$6,000,000,000 the European Recovery program also will toss into the market after July 1 in competing for its own quota of steel, etc. promised to European governments.

Is there likely to be more or less inflation? Will new scarcities develop? Will prices remain at their present levels?

Recently Senator Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts said:

"If we increase appropriations every time we get angry, we can, over a period of years, bleed ourselves to death."

Nor should it be forgotten that the Communist soothsayers have been predicting cheerfully and confidently that is exactly what Uncle Sam would do.

"MOST TENSION-FILLED YEARS OF HISTORY"

"Two world wars and a great depression all in one generation, have depleted our nerves and bombarded our bodies with the poisons of anxiety and worry. And now, instead of the long-hoped-for repose, comes a new crisis with Russia—and worse, the atomic bomb—for more nervous devastation," says a modern writer. *Reader's Scope* says, "The state of world politics has leaders in every country scared stiff. The world economic situation is getting worse. The cost of living is going higher. It's no exaggeration to say that things are out of control . . . The next war may bring out all the bacteriological stews and mass poisons that every country has had but not dared to use."

In a recent broadcast, a well-known radio commentator said he had proof that Russia was planning a sneak attack on major American cities, using atomic bombs in five years! And the President's Air Policy Commission recently warned the country "it has five short years to prepare for possible atomic war."

AUBURN—Many received a touch from God in healing, salvation, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the revival campaign Evangelist and Mrs. C. R. Peterson held with Pastor Thomas L. Mendenhall from May 2 to 16.

BIGGS—Pastor Everett C. Hancock reports that there were 12 or 14 at the altar for salvation and two received the baptism of the Spirit during the special meetings Evangelist and Mrs. E. Davis and their daughter held there early in May.

BOONVILLE—Brother Mack Lancaster has resigned as pastor.

BRICELAND—There are over 100 in Sunday school in the church at Thorn. Pastor Pete North reports having a very fine meeting with Evangelists E. J. Holmes and T. G. Jackson in May and with David Slankard in April. Sisters Bernice Mast and Oleta Webb had two good weeks of children's and adult meetings early in May.

CALISTOGA—Pastor Myrtle Hynning reports that several have been converted in the past few weeks. Recent guest speakers include Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson, Brother and Sister L. R. Anderson, Brother Wernecke, and Brother C. F. Wilhite.

CHESTER—The new church building which Pastor Maurice Caudill has erected in that community was dedicated in appropriate services Monday, June 7, which was the occasion of the Nevada fellowship meeting held there. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Charles E. Elmes of Gridley. The dedication service in the evening was conducted by the District Presbyter, Brother M. M. York, who brought the dedication message. Brother Caudill has worked hard and faithfully in this new field. We congratulate him on the completion of the building and pray that many souls shall be blessed and be saved within its walls.

CHICO—Beginning in early July, the church will have an assistant pastor, Robert Ferguson. His bride is the former Ruth McPherson, daughter of Brother and Sister Stanley P. McPherson. The pastor is E. Wm. Anderson.

CHOWCHILLA—Brother H. J. Hays has been chosen to be the new pastor in Chowchilla to succeed Brother Wilbur Ogilvie, who resigned recently to enter the evangelistic field with special interest in healing services.

COLUSA—The Capitol fellowship meeting was held there June 21. All of the afternoon service was a W.M.C. meeting, with Sister R. A. Wilson presiding. The speaker was Elizabeth Everton of Arbuckle. The purpose of the afternoon program was to consider the needs of the Bible school in Peru, Sister Ruth Couchman's field of labor. The pastors in Wheatland, Brother and Sister Clifford McAteer, were given a grocery shower. Evangelist Byers, then holding a campaign in Colusa, was the evening speaker. Homer M. Doyle

News from . . .

Here and There

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is the pastor.

COVELO—Pastor F. T. Alford was the baccalaureate speaker at the high school of the community May 30.

DALY CITY—Brother James Adkins, senior student at G.T.B.I., has been chosen as acting pastor for the summer months, until later when a permanent pastor will be chosen. Sister Estella Wilcox has been supplying the pulpit for several weeks since the resignation of Brother Vernon M. Murray.

EL CERRITO—Pastor L. H. Rogers reports that the East Bay fellowship meeting held there June 7 was the biggest and best they have had since beginning the church five years ago. Brother Willard Peirce spoke in the afternoon. Richard Orchard was the speaker at the evening service, which was a C.A. rally.

ELY, Nevada—The church has re-opened services in a large hall downtown. Brother and Sister A. Rowlett of Quincy have gone in to carry on the work.

FAIRFIELD—Pastor Carl R. Tucker writes: "We have had a good revival the past three weeks with Brother A. C. Marquandale of Ceres. Around 15 knelt at the altar. Now we are in a revival with Brother and Sister Meeks of Texas. God is blessing and good crowds are attending."

FALLON—Brother Bradford Wilmot is the new pastor. Brother S. H. Robertson, the former pastor, has gone to St. Helena to serve the church there.

GALT—Brother Vernon H. Ragsdale, who has been supplying the pulpit, has been chosen to be the permanent pastor. Evangelist R. L. Neal's recent three-weeks revival was a very good meeting. Many were saved, believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed, one of rheumatic fever.

GILROY—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there May 24. The church is building a new parsonage for their new pastor, Brother J. W. Belchar.

HAYWARD—The Northern California Conference of the Latin-American District Council was held in their church there June 14 and 15.

HOOPA—In writing of their activities in May, Pastor C. Frederick Rowe reports: "There were two saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, three baptized in water, and two weddings." Those for whom he officiated at their wedding ceremonies were his son and bride and Sister Dacie James and James Durkin, both of whom hold papers with our District Council, one license to preach and the exhorter's permit. Work is

being continued on the property: a well is being dug, the parsonage is being finished, and there is soon to be more work done on the church.

KELSEYVILLE—Pastor Luther Perkins reports having a very good meeting with Brother H. S. McHugh for two weeks in May.

KERMAN—Evangelist P. R. Ford recently held a good campaign with Pastor Earl T. Hunt.

MARYSVILLE—Brother Gobel Lawrence has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother Lonnie R. Mullin.

MODESTO (Bethel)—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held in Bethel Church on June 7. Besides the regular services, there was a prayer meeting at 1:30 p.m. The Washingtons presented special music numbers at both the afternoon and evening services. At that time they were in evangelistic meetings with Pastor Donald G. Weston. The afternoon and evening speakers for the fellowship meeting were Harry C. Warwick and Nelson E. Hinman respectively.

MONTAGUE—For three weeks in May the church enjoyed the good evangelistic meetings Evangelist Corrine Belau of Medford, Oregon, held there. Six were saved and the attendance more than doubled, the people enjoying the special music by the evangelist and the song illustrations in colored chalk by the pastor, Doris Abbott. Rosemary Murphy is assistant pastor.

OLIVEHURST—Brother C. C. Catledge has resigned as pastor. Brother W. A. Frazier is the new pastor.

PALO ALTO—Evangelist J. B. Oakes held an unusually good evangelistic meeting with Pastor R. J. Renfroe in June.

POINT ARENA—Evangelists Frank and Jacob Horne began revival meetings with Pastor John A. Westfall May 30.

RENO—Brother R. L. Stuck has resigned as pastor.

ROHNERVILLE—The church there has chosen Brother R. L. Neal to be the new pastor.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—Brother Willard Peirce was director of the very successful course on Teachers' Training June 7 to 11. The Daily Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Sister Brunette Parker and Miss Johnny Bauhofer from Springfield, Missouri, enjoyed a very fine attendance. Brother and Sister W. R. Steelberg and their two youngest daughters, as well as Brother and Sister W. P. Steelberg, were guests on July 15 at a special dinner downtown, where their friends

could meet and visit with them. Brother Steenberg was guest speaker at the temple that evening. The pastor is Nelson E. Hinman.

SACRAMENTO (Capitol)—Evangelist Ruth Clem held good meetings there May 9 to 23. The pastor is M. Leslie Crosson.

SAN FRANCISCO (Calvary)—Sisters Marie and Mena Filardo have been in special meetings there for several weeks. The pastor is Brother J. B. Stark.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—The two weeks of special meetings Evangelist William Long held in the temple were greatly enjoyed by the congregation and were fruitful in the winning of many to the way of salvation. Following his campaign, Brother F. T. Curry, evangelist from Southern California, was there for a week of good meetings. On June 20, Evangelist Winston I. Nunes began a revival campaign for ten days. Leland R. Keys, the pastor, and Mrs. Keys were in New York City for two weeks of special services at Glad Tidings Tabernacle for their annual convention observance.

SAN JOSE (Bethel)—Evangelist J. B. Oakes held good revival meetings for Pastor E. O. Robeck in May.

SAUSALITO—Brother O. A. Robertson began his ministry as pastor there June 13. Brother Carl F. Wilhite, preparing to leave for South Africa in a few months, closed his ministry there on June 6.

SEBASTOPOL—Addition, 40 x 42 feet, is being built onto the church to accommodate the growing attendance. The pastor is J. L. Jeffrey.

SONORA—Elaine Thomas, the C. A. leader, reports having a very good rally in the high school auditorium on May 17 and of fine county-wide rallies Saturday nights in the church. Pastor C. Holderman writes that the church enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Myrtle Wolford from May 23 to June 6. "Real results. The Sunday school broke all records, one received the Holy Ghost, one was brought back to God and one was baptized in water."

ST. HELENA—Brother S. H. Robertson is the new pastor. He began his ministry there on June 6. Brother Wheeler Anderson, the former pastor, and Mrs. Anderson will be in a school of linguistics in Oklahoma during the summer preparing for missionary work in the Gold Coast, West Africa.

STIRLING CITY—The Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting held there May 31 was well attended and blessed of the Lord. The afternoon speaker was Philip Tiger, Indian evangelist. Brother Joseph Harper brought the evening message. The pastor is Robert Cornwall.

TRACY—Writing during the second week of the campaign, Pastor L. A. Lawrence reports that over a dozen had been saved and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the revival meetings

Evangelist Morris Lefkobitz was then holding.

TRANQUILITY—Pastor J. C. Gaither writes: "The revival meeting that was conducted by our son Roma Gaither in May was very successful. There were 24 saved, a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 13 followed the Lord in water baptism. We are enlarging our church and are building new Sunday school rooms."

VALLEJO—The North Bay fellowship meeting there on May 17 was given over to the missionary convention conducted by Brother Gaston and the missionaries of the party, who were then holding conventions over the District. There was good attendance and the blessing of the Lord on the services. The pastor is Joseph L. Gerhart.

WATERFORD—Brother Earl Teal, formerly of Newark, is the new pastor.

WILLOWS—The blessing of the Lord was upon the meetings, and the congregation enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Paul Bouger from May 11 to 30. The pastor is Albert Rowley.

WOODLAND—The Boardman Sisters are in charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School which began June 14, the first such school in that assembly. The church has recently secured a 14-passenger bus for the Sunday school. The pastor is Harold Byram.

TWINS

Brother and Sister John Lindvall welcomed the arrival of a son and a daughter June 15, in Basel, Switzerland. They are Terrance Roy and Theresa Joy.

WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday evening, June 19, Miss Lorene Goehring became the bride of David Von Rottz in a beautiful setting in Bethel Church in Lodi. Brother Von Rottz is music director and assistant pastor of Glad Tidings Temple in Lodi.

Robert R. Ferguson, from Ohio and formerly a student in G.T.B.I., claimed Ruth McPherson as his bride at a very pretty ceremony in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, June 26. The bride's father, Stanley P. McPherson, officiated, assisted by Brother L. R. Keys. The young couple will make their home in Chico. Brother Ferguson has been chosen as assistant pastor to Brother E. Wm. Anderson.

Esther Mae Cooper became the bride of Paul V. Wyrick on June 4 in Bethel Temple, Los Angeles.

Charles Hartman, son of our Healdsburg pastor, Brother Seth Hartman, and Mrs. Hartman, and Carolyn Hope Mallory were joined in wedlock Sunday afternoon, June 27, in a beautiful service at the Methodist church in Santa Rosa.

Mr. Frederick J. Lehmann and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Thommen have announced their marriage June 14 in Omaha, Nebraska.



There were 227 in attendance the day the above picture was taken of the Atwater Sunday school in front of their church. The Superintendent, I. K. Friesen, is shown to the left of Pastor R. C. Fulmer.

W. M. C. News

The East Bay district Women's Missionary Council rally was held at Glad Tidings Church in Alameda on June 10, Mrs. Medora Rogers, sectional chairman, in charge. A large number attended and a full program was enjoyed. Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Megna presented the needs of Italy for food, clothing, and the Word of God. Miss Margaret Carlow who has been studying Japanese at the University of California was introduced. She expects to go to Japan in the near future where she will be helping Sister Marie Juergensen and teach in a Bible School. Miss Marion Minogue, sectional chairman of Coast Counties district, gave an appropriate message for the women on "Keeping the Anointing." Other speakers were Mrs. R. J. Renfroe, sectional chairman of the Peninsula district, Mrs. L. A. Dodson, and Mrs. R. J. Thurmond. Even the fellowship hour was utilized with reports and displays from the local groups, and Mrs. Marie Skram, president of the Sara Young Union of East Oakland, presented the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Kerman C.A.M.C. (C. A. Missionary Council), a new active group in the Kerman church, report they have been writing to C. A.-age missionary girls on the mission field and are busy sewing for the orphanage in Mexico and making pot holders and pillow slips for missionaries. "We have our meetings the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. We certainly do enjoy doing what little we can for the missionaries."

The W.M.C. groups of Peninsula and Coast Counties have been taking turns serving meals to the workers on the campground at Santa Cruz. This fine work is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

A letter received from Mrs. E. M. Brengle in the Philippines states that a number of mosquito nets are desperately needed for the school in Manila. At the recent rally in Alameda, \$20 was given toward this need. Anyone else wishing to help may send in an offering.

Recently I visited the Redwood home missions district fellowship meeting at Weitchpec with Brother Thurmond and heard good reports of the W.M.C. work being done in the home missionary churches. Mildred James, who has been helping Sister Gertie Riecke at Weitchpec for several years, and Agnes Rodli, who has been helping at Hoopa, are expecting soon to go to work among

the Indians in Alaska. A.W.M.C. shower is being planned for them by the North Sacramento district.

Many will remember Mrs. Mary Lewer and her daughter, Katherine, who attended our meeting at camp. Mrs. Lewer has our sympathy and prayers for God's comforting love in this time of Katherine's home going. For those who would like to send a word of encouragement and friendship, her address is: Wei Ssi, Yunnan, China.

We will have W.M.C. meetings at camp this year, but we will not be able to have displays because of lack of accommodations. However, bring a list of the articles in your Treasure Chest and get addresses of missionaries where your things can be sent. Pray for our meetings.

—Mrs. R.J.T.

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

(1) The Careless Way—To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiry into his merits.

(2) The Impulsive Way—To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.

(3) The Lazy Way—To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.

(4) The Self-Denying Way—To save the cost of luxuries and apply them for purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacence.

(5) The Systematic Way—To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains—one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third, or one-half. This is adaptable to all, whether poor or rich, and gifts would be largely increased if this method were generally practiced.

(6) The Equal Way—To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing our personal expenditures by our gifts.

(7) The Heroic Way—To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way.—From Christian Digest.

Evangelize

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Lord is. May we keep before us also, with equal diligence, the second part of the Olivet-Pentecostal program—the going with the gospel. Other revival movements have waned. We shall keep the holy flame if we "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God," and if we keep moving forward in the orbit of the divine will.

Nine Gifts

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gift of tongues is given by the Spirit to Spirit-baptized believers. And he who has received this gift is expected to use it in harmony with the mind of the Spirit as that mind has been revealed in the Word of God.

It is evidently the will of the Lord that messages in tongues be interpreted. In order that they may be interpreted, the Spirit has given the gift of interpretation, which is the last of the gifts here mentioned. It is not necessarily the power to translate the language of the one who speaks in tongues into the vernacular understood by the congregation, although the language may sometimes be thus literally translated. It is rather the power, under the direction of the Spirit, to put into intelligible words the thought the Spirit may have expressed through the message in tongues. This thought may take upon itself the personality of the speaker who is exercising the gift of interpretation just as the personality of the various writers of the Bible is stamped upon the portions they wrote. The writings of Moses are not like the writings of Isaiah, and there is a difference between Isaiah and Daniel, and Daniel is not like any one of the minor prophets. In the New Testament it is quite easy to determine that he who wrote the Gospel according to John was the author of the First Epistle of John. And John's writings are not like Paul's. Each stamped his own personality on his writings, and yet each was the mouthpiece of God, and wrote as he was moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Apostle, having enumerated the nine gifts, adds, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. The 'manifestation of the Spirit' spoken of in the passage we have been considering includes the nine gifts of the Spirit the Apostle enumerates, just as 'the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 includes the nine clusters of fruit there mentioned.'

"I remember," says John Wesley, "hearing my father say to my mother, 'How could you have patience to tell that blockhead the same thing twenty times over?' 'Why,' said she, 'If I had told him but nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor.'

Life is like a ladder, every step we take is either up or down.—Roger Babson.

The sun gives light to the world; yet a comet will often attract the most attention.

PERSONAL MENTION

After visiting some of the assemblies in northern California and Oregon, Sisters MILDRED JAMES and AGNES RODLI expect to go to Alaska for the summer to do gospel work among the Indians there. They have been in Hoopa for some time working with Pastor C. F. ROWE in the Indian work among the Klamath Indians.

Brother C. J. FULLER has been in Colorado for some months. He has been in successful evangelistic meetings in that state since March.

Evangelist DIXIE THOLLANDER has been guest speaker in recent weeks in Huston, Stockton, Modesto, and Salida.

Evangelist JENNIE O'BRIEN, who has been in evangelistic meetings in Oklahoma for many months, was back in the district for a couple of weeks in June, resting in her home in San Francisco, on her way to Oregon.

Missions

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open air meeting at night in some of the plantation camps . . . We spoke before the Maui Ministers' Association in regard to the need of a children's home. All seemed impressed and acknowledge that it is a great need . . . At times we feel that things move so slowly, but we know God will open the door if we just keep doing our part and praying."

SAMOA

Brother and Sister Maurice Luce are very active in their work in American Samoa. We quote from his newsletter:

"Early one morning an old decrepit station wagon rattled out of Fagatogo and a few miles later deposited us with our five Samoan young people near the foot of the mountain where the jungle trail flung itself upward. As we moved through the jungle, we were greeted by natives who were working in their nearby taro patches. They were delighted to learn that it was the 'Missie,' his wife and 'family'; and when we gave them a number of mimeographed Samoan gospel tracts, they were overjoyed. For many of them, it was the first time that gospel stories had been placed in their hands.

"A tropical rain had drenched the forest the night before, and now the sun transformed the whole place until it seemed like we were walking through a gigantic hot house. We stopped often to rest, for we found that the dank, steamy heat that rose all around made us perspire profusely, and we became

very tired . . . Just before noon we descended the other side of the mountain into the picturesque village of Fagasa, whose thatched dwellings sat in silent contemplation around a turquoise bay. The young people began to give out a few tracts, and soon the inhabitants from all over the settlement began to gather to receive the stories of Christ. How glad they were to read the way of salvation in their own language. For many years they have had the Bible in their language, but no one has come to explain how they might receive Jesus into their hearts. A Samoan leader once told me, 'We have had Christianity for over 100 years, but before you came we did not even smell the real thing.'

"Toward midafternoon we start back across the mountain. About half way to the summit we saw the clouds gathering and knew that in a few minutes we would be caught in a tropical downpour. Our Samoan 'family' gathered a few huge banana leaves to keep us dry, but it was only a puny effort. We squished along, water running down our faces and bodies and running out our shoes. Then suddenly it was all over; the sun came out, and we had steam heat again. By the time we had gone a mile, however, we were dry. In the distance we could see the old station wagon; and as the sun sank into the western ocean, we rattled and bumped back to our village, glad in our hearts for another day of witnessing for Christ in Samoa."

FIJI ISLANDS

Sister A. M. Heetebry, writing of their work in Suva, said: "Brother Heetebry and our native worker have been making easels and flannelboards for our workers to use in their work. It has been absolutely too wet to work long at a time on making cement blocks . . . Four of our workers have started four new Sunday schools in different sections in the few months since we have returned. One is in a part where we had a work before. It is divided in three classes; Fijian, Hindi, and English. The boys and girls are enjoying it so much and have asked for more services. The Lord has been good in touching an Indian storekeeper's heart to give us his basement or first floor, cemented and very light and airy, to use free of charge. Then there are two new Sunday schools in Fijian. The fourth Sunday school is in two sections. One was primarily started to reach the Chinese and other Eurasians, but all races are flocking . . . praise God for these advances."

About Christian literature that has been sent to them, Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst wrote: "We were very happy to see the mailboat entering Suva harbor in early April bringing us the

expected parcels of literature, rolls of papers, tracts, and booklets for distribution. We received some 60 parcels, for which we wish to thank our many friends who remembered our appeal for this needy corner of God's vineyard, the South Pacific Islands. There are many avenues of distribution: house to house canvassing, hospital work, street meetings, traveling, and by mail . . . We are depending upon a steady flow of good literature from our friends in the homeland. Please wrap it well so none gets lost in transport."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Brother and Sister Clyde Shields have moved to Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur, to take up work in a new location. Late in April, they wrote: "We just moved here last week . . . Seems like all hours of the day we have a big audience. They marvel over every dish, picture, towel, curtain, and anything that comes out of the drums. All day long the children and some adults are perfectly happy just to lounge in our steamer chairs and watch whatever we do, without a word to us but with plenty of chatter in dialect to each other. The first day here an old, old lady came in to watch. I showed her our wedding pictures, some glassware which was being unpacked, and then some pretty bath towels. She liked everything and wanted to take them all home with her, but I settled that by giving her a towel and an old mosquito net. She came back the next day with ten big white fresh eggs, which cost her seven and a half cents each and gave them to us. Please, does anyone have any old mosquito nets you don't need? Eggs are very scarce over here."

"The people here are lovely, so friendly and unafraid . . . There were no houses for rent in this town at all, not even a grass shack. A Filipino came from Hawaii not long ago to visit his aged parents. While here, he built a nice new wooden home for his parents and told them to move in. The son went back to Hawaii, and the parents preferred to live in the village rather than the town; so when I came looking for a home, they were perfectly happy to rent this one to us. The son still doesn't know he built this house in the will of God for the missionaries. It is things like that that make us feel the presence of the Lord with us . . . in this town of 15,000 population."

A heart filled with the Word of God has no room for suggestions from the devil.

Never does the human soul appear so strong as when it dares to forgive an injury.

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